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Example Provided by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

ASSUMPTIONS

- Average retail rate is 7 cents per kwh.
- 2. Value of non-firm power is 3.5 cents per kwh.
- 3. Wind power from a single turbine available 35% of the time.

Overpayment per kwh

7 cents/kwh retail rate less 3.5 cents value = 3.5 cents

Calculation of one month overpayment to single 50kw wind generator on net metering

50kw X 24hrs X 30 days X 35% availability = **\$441**